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ABSTRACT

A Hall of Fame was established by the El Rancho Unified School District (California) to identify and honor graduates of the school district who have graduated more than 15 years ago, who have achieved recognition in their chosen field, and who would bring honor to the school district in its honoring of them. Nominees for the Hall of Fame were sought by contacting alumni groups and the district staff, and by placing articles in newspapers. A screening committee narrowed the field of 32 nominations to 10 candidates. A panel of three prominent citizens selected the final five inductees. These inductees were a noted research chemist, the first woman Hispanic elected to the California State legislature, a woman medical missionary, an Air Force colonel, and a nurse. A Hall of Fame corner was set up in the high school library to provide a permanent place to honor the recipients and to provide inspiration to the students. Included with this program description are three news releases which cover information on the program and include short biographies of the five inductees. This document was selected by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Task Force on Public Confidence as descriptive of a promising practice or exemplary project worthy of highlighting for the California educational community. (EM)

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Address 9333 Loch Lomond Drive Telephone (213) 942-1500

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(1) primary purpose (how it benefits students)
(2) participants (grade levels of students, professional staff, community persons, etc)
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A Hall of Fame was established to identify and honor graduates of the school district who have, over time, been proven achievers, who have reached success in their chosen field, who would bring honor to the school district in its honoring of them.

Nominees were sought by contacting alumni groups, the district staff and by newspaper articles. Requirements were that "nominees must be former El Rancho students who have graduated from high school more than 15 years ago and have achieved local, statewide or national recognition in their fields of endeavor".

Some 32 nominations were received complete with resume.

An initial screening committee, consisting of representatives from the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the school board, a teacher, and the high school student body president, narrowed the field of 32 candidates to 10.

This involvement of community members was a very positive aspect of the program and they became caught up in the spirit of the process.

The final selection of inductees was made by a panel who were prominent achievers in their own right, a judge, the asst. supt. of the state department of education, and a state assemblyman.

The five inductees - a noted research chemist, the first woman Hispanic elected to the legislature, a woman medical missionary, a much decorated Air Force colonel, and a nurse who was a widely recognized author and researcher.

The Hall of Fame provided diverse, inspiring, positive role models for students; recognition for teachers; extensive, positive, community involvement; a cadre of supportive graduates and their families; a near-flawless positive presentation of the school district's accomplishments.

A Hall of Fame corner has been set up in the high school library to provide a permanent place to honor the recipients and provide inspiration to our students.

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News Release

EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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SUGGESTED COPY TITLE: ERUSD asks Hall of Fame bids

The El Rancho Unified School District is establishing a Hall of Fame for past El Rancho High School graduates. Nominations for membership are being accepted through July 18, 1983. Nominees must be former El Rancho students who have graduated from high school more than 15 years ago and have achieved local, statewide or national recognition in their fields of endeavor.

George Plumleigh, superintendent, stated that this is a unique concept that is normally found at the college level and not at the high school level. We feel strongly there are many El Rancho High School graduates that have achieved not only local but national prominence in numerous fields.

A Screening Committee with representatives from the student body, faculty, administration and community will make its recommendation.

The final selection will be made by a Selection Committee composed of three neutral persons from outside the district.

Members will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at a reception October 15 and will be honored guests during the Homecoming Week in October.

Nomination forms or additional information may be obtained from Shirley Fishke, District Office, 9333 Loch Lomond Drive, Pico Rivera, or by calling 942-1500, ext. 373.

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News Release

EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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SUGGESTED COPY TITLE: ERUSD seeks nominations for Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for recipients into the newly organized El Rancho Unified School District's Hall of Fame.

Nominations for membership are being accepted through July 18, 1983. Nominees must be former El Rancho students who have graduated from high school more than 15 years ago and who have achieved local, statewide or national recognition in their fields of endeavor.

When nominating a nominee, indicate name and address of nominee, date of graduation and why you believe this person should be recognized. Include your name and phone number, in the event more information may be needed.

Recipients will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at a reception banquet to be held October 15 and also will be honored guests during ERHS homecoming week.

Nomination forms or additional information may be obtained from Shirley Fiske, District Office, 9333 Loch Lomond Drive, Pico Rivera or by calling 942-1500, extension 373.

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News Release

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SUGGESTED COPY TITLE: Five Named to El Rancho's Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame Committee announced five El Rancho graduates will be inducted into the first El Rancho Hall of Fame. The inductees are: Bill Morales, 1957; F. Delphine (Dee) Coover, 1960; Jane Ellen Mayo Lang, 1962; James F. Wolfe, 1966; and Gloria Molina, 1967.

A Recognition Banquet has been planned on Saturday, October 15, at The Saddleback Inn, 12500 East Firestone Boulevard, Norwalk, commencing at 5:30 p.m., at which time the recipients will be inducted into our Hall of Fame. This event will climax for the recipients at homecoming the following Friday night during the football half-time activities.

The banquet facilities are limited to 150 people; therefore, reservations will be honored on a first-come first serve basis. Tickets are $15.00 per person and may be purchased by phoning Doris Tatum, El Rancho Unified School District, 942-1500, ext. 282. Reservations must be made before October 7, 1983.

The Screening Committee was composed of Frank Boyce, member of the Board of Education; Vice Mayor John Chavez of the City of Pico Rivera; Ms. Betty Heller, representative of the Chamber of Commerce; Clay Blackmer, Student Body President of El Rancho High

School; and Ms. Barbara Hagler, faculty member of El Rancho High School. Each one stated they had found the judging extremely difficult because the caliber of the nominees was outstanding. They had the tremendous task of narrowing down the nominees to ten finalists which were to be considered by the Selection Committee composed of Judge Patricia Hofstetter, Judge of the Municipal Court; Dr. Robert Ponce, Assistant Superintendent, State Department of Education; and Assemblyman Charles Calderon, 59th Assembly District.

This committee also commented that it was difficult to select five nominee since they felt all the candidates were extremly worthy of being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

All of the nominees that were recommended will be reconsidered for the next year's Hall of Fame and possible induction.

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Bill Morales graduated from El Rancho in 1957, and graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles with a baccalaureate degree in European Studies in 1962. He later earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Troy State University in Alabama in 1975.

Volunteering for military service during the Cuban Crisis, Colonel Morales received his commission as a second lieutenant through the Officer Training School program at Lackland, AFB, Texas in 1963. He then had successive assignments over a ten year period as an intelligence officer in Germany, Vietnam, Florida, and Washington, D.C. He later served as a staff officer and instructor at a foreign officer training center.

In August 1974, Lt. Colonel Morales entered the Air Force Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Receiving the Distinguished Graduate award, Colonel Morales departed Air Command and Staff College in 1975 for an assignment as the Chief of Social Actions at the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing (Tactical Air Command) at Bergstrom AFB, Texas.

Morales' involvement with equal opportunity issues began in 1969 when he served as a consultant on minority problems to the Commander of Army Corps of Engineers. Various research studies and papers he prepared by ethnic cultural minorities in the military led

to a series of appearances as a lecturer and advisor.

Since 1969, he served as a consultant on minority relations in the military to: Representative Jorge Cordoba, former Resident Commissioner for Puerto Rico, US House of Representatives; Hon. H. Minton Francis, former Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel Human Resource Management; and the Air Force Special Assistant for Social Actions. Since 1972, he has served as a regularly scheduled lecturer at the USAF Institute for Professional Development, and Squadron Officers School, and the USAF Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy at Maxwell/Gunther AFBs, at Montgomery, Alabama.

A member of several civilian associations, he was an active participant with the Montgomery (Alabama) County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center, the Austin (Texas) Council on Alcoholism, and the Austin Independent School District Committee on Alcohol/Drug Abuse and Crime Prevention. He had served as a member of the Texas Association of Alcoholism Counselors. In 1981 the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce selected him to participate in the 1981-82 Leadership San Antonio Program.

Morales' military decorations and awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and Air

Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters.

He was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel on June 1, 1979.

He is married and has two children.

F. Delphine (Dee) Coover, R.N. graduated in 1960. Received her B.S. in Nursing from Cal State University at Los Angeles; her M.S. majoring in Medical-Surgical Nursing at Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Cleveland, Ohio in 1968.

Received her M.P.H. (Masters, Public Health) at School of Public Health, University of California at Los Angeles.

From 1964-1969 she has been Staff Nurse at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, V.A. Hospital, Cleveand, Ohio.

In 1969-1973 Coover was a Clinical Nurse Specialist, Cardiovascular and Rehabilitiation Nursing at Cuyahoga County Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. Responsibilities included Program developer for critical care: nursing liaison with Case Western Reserve University School of Nursing: established liasion with community hospitals for pre-admission nursing evaluation of patients transferred to Highland View: coordinator of discharge planning program; author of training manual for in-patient population of spinal cord injured;

principal nursing researcher on decubitus ulcer project encompassing two years work.

From 1973-75 she was Clinical Nurse Specialist, Rehabilitation Nursing, V.A. Medical Center, Los Angeles. Responsibilities included: developing a stroke rehabilitation program; established toilet training program for patients with various types of neurological disorders; assisted in developing Problem-Oriented Medical Record orientation for station-wide nursing staff; CPR trainer for station-wide programs; coauthor of monthly research newsletter.

Presently, she is Clinical Nurse Specialist, Dialysis and Renal Medicine, VA Medical Center, West Haven, Connecticut.

She has published the following publications: Facing Spinal Cord Injury: A Handbook for Patients, 2nd Edition, Cleveland, Ohio; Highland View Hospital, November 1975. Developer and coeditor, Searching in Nursing, a monthly newsletter published by the Nursing Research Committee, V.A. Wadsworth Medical Center, Los Angeles. Contributor, "Annual Book Review", American Journal of Nursing, 76, January 1975. Coover, D., and Lewis, S., "Pretreatment Patient Education for Dialysis", Nephrology Nurse , May-June 1981. Coover, D., and Conlon, S., "Patients Do Have the Right to Choose Their Own Treatment Modality", Nephrology Nurse, December 1982.

Dee Coover has been involved in vast teaching and consultation

programs. She also has been a speaker for the past several years at the AANNT Annual National Symposium and other medical conferences.

Jane Ellen Mayo Lang graduated from El Rancho 1962. She attended Knapp College of Nursing in Santa Barbara, California and received her R.N. in 1965. She then worked at Beverly Hospital, Montebello, California and attended Los Angeles State University receiving her B.S. in Nursing and Public Health Nursing Certificate in 1968.

She was then commissioned as a missionary nurse by the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A., Board of International Ministries.

She attended Monterey Institute of Foreign Language frcm 1968-69 studying French.

She then spent three months in Brussels, Belgium, in further study of French following which she went to Vanga in Zaire, Africa, where she developed curriculum and taught basic nursing skills in a rural hospital using both French, the official language of Zaire, and Kituba, the local language.

In 1977 she attended Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas, receiving her degree of Master of Divinity in 1981. During that time she worked in Clinical Pastoral Education at

Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, Kansas.

Jane was coordinator in 1980 of a partial hospital program at South Central Mental Health Center in Wellington, Kansas.

In 1982 she accepted the position of Staff Development Facilitator at Winfield State Hospital, Winfield, Kansas, a training center and 500 resident intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded. She is currently serving in this position.

In March, 1978, Jane Mayo married William A. Lang Jr. who is currently minister at First Baptist Church in Oxford, Kansas.

Besides assisting her husband in church activities, Jane spent 6 weeks in 1980 in Thailand working in a Cambodian refugee camp. She went as a volunteer with the Board of International Ministries, American Baptist Church, U.S.A. She was at Kamput, Thailand during that time.

Jane has also been very active in activities of the American Baptist Churches Central Region. She is vice-moderator of the Roger Williams Association of the A.B.C. Central Region; she is on the Board of Directors of the A.B.C. Central Region; she was program director for the Central Region annual convention in 1982 and 1983. She is Chairman of Christian Social Concerns of the American Baptist Women of Roger Williams Association and was Bible Study Leader at the regional annual convention in 1982. She is well known in the National Convention of the Board of International

Ministries.

James F. Wolfe graduated 1966. Attended Occidental College and received his AB degree with departmental honors in Chemistry. He also was commissioned in the Air Force as a second lieutenant upon graduation after two years in AFROTC.

He then enrolled in the Graduate College, Department of Chemistry at the University of Iowa, Iowa City in 1970 specifically to work in Polymer Chemistry for Professor John K. Stille. He received his Ph.D. in 1975 in Organic Chemistry with his thesis in the area of the synthesis of thermally stable polymers.

He then had a one-year position as a Visiting Scientist at the Polymer Branch, Air Force Materials Laboratory in Dayton, Ohio where he also worked on the synthesis of polymers to be used in high strength applications.

Joined the Polymer Sciences Department, Stanford Research Insitute (now SRI International) in 1976. Has held positions of Polymer Chemist, Senior Polymer Chemist and is currently Program Manager of the Ordered Polymers Program.

He has written seven publications and has three US Patents. He also has two US Patent applications that will be filed in eight foreign countries. He is listed in American Men and Women of Science and Who's Who in the West.

Gloria Molina graduated in 1966. She began a career in Los Angeles law firm monitoring consumer legislation for nine western states. Later, her work with young people and equal opportunity issues and employment training sparked her political involvement. She is committed to articulating issues of concerns to all people, and especially to the politically and economically disadvantaged.

Molina has held positions of major responsibility at national and local levels. These positions include: Legal Assistant for Sheppard, Mullin, Ri East Los Angeles Skills Center, Los Angeles City Schools; Administrative Assistant, Assemblyman Art Torres, 56th A.D.; Deputy Director of the California Carter-Mondale Committee; Director, Intergovernmental & Congressional Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, Region 9; Southern California Chief Deputy to Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, Jr.; and member, Democratic National Committee's Commission on Party Accountability.

In November 1982 Molina was elected to represent the 56th Assembly District. She is the first Hispanic female to serve in the California State Legislature.

Molina currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the Public Employment and Retirement Committee; Chair of the Assembly Hispanic Caucus; and appointed to the Commission of the Californias.